## IN THE CLAIMS

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Listing of Claims

1.    (Currently Amended) An asset management system for managing an essence, comprising:

creating means for creating said essence and for generating metadata for explaining said essence when creating said essence;

archiving means for archiving said essence and the metadata correlatively with each other; ~~and~~

controlling means for controlling an operation performed on the archived essence based on said metadata to realize asset management for said essence[[.]]‚

wherein the archiving means issues and archives a tag specifying the metadata; and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

2.    (Currently Amended) An asset management system for managing an essence, comprising:

generating means for generating the information for explaining said essence;

recording means for recording and/or reproducing said essence and the information correlatively with each other; ~~and~~

managing means for managing and/or controlling a recording and/or reproducing

operation of said essence based on said information to ~~effect~~affect asset management for said

essence[[.]],

wherein the recording means issues and records a tag specifying the recorded

information; and

retrieving means for retrieving the recorded information according to the tag.

3.      (Currently Amended) An asset management system for managing an

essence, comprising:

generating means for generating the information specifying attributes of said

essence;

recording means for recording said essence and the information correlatively with

each other on a recording medium to reproduce said essence from said recording medium; ~~and~~

control means for controlling the recording and/or reproducing operations for said

essence based on said information to ~~effect~~affect asset management for said essence[[.]],

wherein the recording means issues and records a tag specifying the recorded

attributes; and

retrieving means for retrieving the recorded attributes according to the tag.

4.      (Currently Amended) An asset management method for managing an

essence, comprising:

a creating step of creating said essence and for generating metadata for explaining

said essence when creating said essence;

an associating step of associating said essence and the metadata with each other;

~~and~~

a controlling step of controlling an operation performed on the archived essence based on said metadata to realize asset management for said essence[[.]]_,_

wherein the associating step issues and archives a tag specifying the metadata; and

a retrieving step of retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

5.      (Currently Amended) An asset management method for managing an essence, comprising:

a generating step of generating the information for explaining said essence; ~~and~~

a controlling step of controlling the recording and/or reproducing operation of recording and/or reproducing said essence and the information correlatively with each other based on said information to ~~effect~~affect asset management for said essence[[.]]_,_

wherein the generating step issues and records a tag specifying the recorded information; and

a retrieving step of retrieving the recorded information according to the tag.

6.      (Currently Amended) An asset management method for managing an essence, comprising:

a generating step of generating the information specifying attributes of said essence; ~~and~~

a recording and controlling step of recording said essence and the information

correlatively with each other on a recording medium and controlling the recording and/or

reproducing operations for said essence based on said information to ~~effect~~affect asset

management for said essence[[.]],

wherein the generating step issues and records a tag specifying the recorded

attributes; and

a retrieving step of retrieving the recorded attributes according to the tag.

7.      (Currently Amended) A production system for creating a project from an

essence, comprising:

production means for creating said essence and for generating metadata for

accounting for said essence; ~~and~~

post-production ~~of creating~~means for creating said project from said essence using

metadata generated at the time of said production[[.]],

wherein the production means issues and archives a tag specifying the metadata;

and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

8.      (Currently Amended) A production system for creating a project from an

essence, comprising:

production means for creating said essence and for generating metadata for

accounting for said essence; ~~and~~

post-production ~~of creating~~means for creating said project from said essence;

wherein an operation of said post-production is controlled based on metadata

generated at the time of said production[[.]]₁

wherein the production means issues and archives a tag specifying the metadata;

and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

9.      (Currently Amended) A production method for creating a project from an

essence, comprising the steps of:

creating said essence and generating metadata used for accounting for said

essence; and

creating said project from said essence using said metadata[[.]]₁

wherein the essence and metadata generating step issues and archives a tag

specifying the metadata; and

retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

10.      (Currently Amended) A production method for creating a project from an

essence, comprising the steps of:

creating said essence and generating metadata used for accounting for said

essence; and

controlling an operation of post-production based on said metadata to create said

project from said essence[[.]]₁

wherein the essence and metadata generating step issues and archives a tag

specifying the metadata; and

retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

11.    (Currently Amended) A production system for creating a project from an

essence, comprising:

pre-production means for creating metadata used for accounting for said essence;

production means for performing an operation for creating said essence, using

said metadata; ~~and~~

post-production means for creating said project from said essence[[.]],

wherein the pre-production means issues and archives a tag specifying the

metadata; and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

12.    (Currently Amended) A production system for creating a project from an

essence, comprising:

~~a pre-production~~pre-production means for creating metadata used for accounting

for said essence;

production means~~a production~~ for creating said essence and for storing said

essence and the metadata correlatively with each other on a recording medium; ~~and~~

~~a post-production~~post-production means for creating said project from said

essence[[;]],

wherein an operation in said production is performed using the metadata

generated at the time of said pre-production[[.]],

wherein the pre-production means issues and archives a tag specifying the

metadata; and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


13.    (Currently Amended) An archiving system for archiving an essence,

comprising:

production means for creating said essence and for generating metadata used for

accounting said essence;

archiving means for archiving said essence and the metadata correlatively with

each other; and

controlling means for controlling said archiving means so that an operation for

said essence will be performed using said metadata[[.]],

wherein the production means issues and archives a tag specifying the metadata;

and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


14.    (Currently Amended) An archiving system for archiving an essence,

comprising:

production means for creating said essence and for generating metadata used for

accounting said essence;

archiving means for archiving said essence and the metadata correlatively with

each other; and

controlling means for controlling said archiving means so that asset management

for said essence archived by said archiving means will be performed based on said metadata[[.]],

wherein the production means issues and archives a tag specifying the metadata;

and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

15.      (Currently Amended) A method for archiving an essence, comprising the

steps of:

creating said essence and generating metadata used for accounting said essence;

performing an operation for said essence using said metadata; and

archiving and essence and the metadata correlatively with each other[[.]],

wherein the essence and metadata creating step issues and archives a tag

specifying the metadata; and

retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

16.      (Currently Amended) A method for archiving an essence, comprising the

steps of:

creating said essence and generating metadata used for accounting said essence;

and

performing control based on said metadata so that an asset management for said

essence archived will be performed to archive said essence and the metadata correlatively with

each other[[.]],

wherein the essence and metadata creating step issues and archives a tag

specifying the metadata; and

retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

17.    (Currently Amended) A distribution system for allotting an essence,

comprising:

a production production means for creating said essence and for generating

metadata pertinent to said essence;

a post-production prost-production means for performing post-production

processing on said essence; and

distribution means for allotting said essence using metadata generated at the time

of said production[[.]],

wherein the production means issues and archives a tag specifying the metadata;

and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

18.    (Currently Amended) A distribution system for allotting an essence,

comprising:

a production production means for creating said essence and for generating

metadata pertinent to said essence;

a post-production post-production means for performing post-production

processing on said essence; and

distribution means for allotting said essence[[;]],

wherein an operation of said distribution means is controlled using the metadata

used at the time of said production[[.]], and

wherein the production means issues and archives a tag specifying the metadata;

and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


19.     (Currently Amended) A distribution method for allotting an essence,

comprising the steps of:

creating said essence and generating metadata pertinent to said essence;

performing post-production processing on said essence; and

allotting said essence using metadata generated at the time of said production[[.]],

wherein the essence and metadata creating step issues and archives a tag

specifying the metadata; and

retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


20.     (Currently Amended) A distribution method for allotting an essence,

comprising the steps of:

creating said essence and generating metadata pertinent to said essence;

performing post-production processing on said essence; and

controlling an operation of distribution, using said data, to allot said essence[[.]],

wherein the essence and metadata creating step issues and archives a tag

specifying the metadata; and

retrieving the metadata according to the tag.

21.     (Currently Amended) An authoring system for creating a package medium

from an essence, comprising:

a ~~production~~production means for creating said essence and for generating

metadata pertinent to said essence;

a ~~post-production~~post-production means for performing post-production on said

essence; ~~and~~

authoring means for creating said package medium from an essence processed

with post-production, using metadata generated at the time of said production[[.]],

wherein the production means issues and archives a tag specifying the metadata;

and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


22.     (Previously Presented)        The authoring system according to claim 21

wherein said authoring means performs authoring processing for an editing video

programme from metadata indicating the logical structure of a video programme.


23.     (Currently Amended) An authoring method for creating a package

medium from an essence, comprising the steps of:

creating said essence and generating metadata pertinent to said essence;

performing post-production on said essence; ~~and~~

creating said package medium from an essence processed with post-production

using metadata[[.]], and

wherein the essence and metadata creating step issues and archives a tag

specifying the metadata; and

retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


24.     (Currently Amended) An authoring method for creating a package

medium from an essence, comprising the steps of:

generating metadata pertinent to said essence;

creating said essence; performing post-production on said essence; and

creating said package medium from an essence processed with post-production

using said metadata[[.]],

wherein the metadata generating step issues and archives a tag specifying the

metadata; and

retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


25.     (Currently Amended) An asset management system for managing an

essence, comprising:

a pre-productionpre-production means for generating metadata indicating the

rights of said essence [[and]];

a productionproduction means for creating said essence;

asset management means for performing asset management processing on said

essence; and

controlling means for controlling said asset management means so that a

circulation operation of said essence will be performed based on said metadata[[.]],

wherein the pre-production means issues and archives a tag specifying the

metadata; and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


26.     (Currently Amended) An asset management system for managing an

essence, comprising:

creating means for creating said essence and for generating metadata specifying

rights pertinent to said essence;

asset management means for performing asset management processing on said

essence; and

controlling means for controlling said asset management means, based on said

metadata, so that a circulating operation of said essence will be performed based on said

metadata[[.]],

wherein the creating means issues and archives a tag specifying the metadata; and

retrieving means for retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


27.     (Currently Amended) An asset management method for managing an

essence, comprising the steps of:

generating metadata indicating the rights of said essence;

creating said essence; and

performing control based on said metadata so that a circulating operation of said

essence will be performed to effectaffect asset management processing on said essence[[.]],

wherein the metadata generating step issues and archives a tag specifying the

metadata; and

retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


28.     (Currently Amended) An asset management method for managing an

essence, comprising the steps of:

creating said essence; and for

generating metadata specifying rights pertinent to said essence; and

performing control based on said metadata so that a circulation operation of said

essence will be performed to effectaffect asset management processing for said essence[[.]],

wherein the metadata generating step issues and archives a tag specifying the

metadata; and

retrieving the metadata according to the tag.


29.     (Currently Amended) A production system for creating a programme from

an essence, comprising:

a productionproduction means for creating said essence and for generating UMID

(unique material identifier) for discriminating said essence;

a post-productionpost production means for editing said essence for generating

said programme; and

controlling means for controlling an operation in said post-production based on

said UMID[[.]],

wherein the metadata generating step issues and archives a tag specifying the

UMID; and

retrieving means for retrieving the UMID according to the tag.

30.    (Currently Amended) A production method for creating a programme

from an essence, comprising the steps of:

creating said essence; and for

generating UMID (unique material identifier) for discriminating said essence; and

controlling an operation in said post-production based on said UMID to edit said

essence to generate said programme[[.]],

wherein the UMID generating step issues and archives a tag specifying the

created UMID; and

retrieving the created UMID according to the tag.

31.    (Currently Amended) A production system for creating an essence,

comprising:

generating means for generating a plurality of metadata which are data pertinent

to said essence and which are respectively identified by SMPTE (Society of Motion Picture and

Television Engineers) labels;

receiving means for receiving said essence and said plural metadata and analyzing

said SMPTE labels to extract pre-set metadata from said plural metadata; and

controlling means for controlling the processing relevant to said essence based on

the extracted metadata[[.]],

wherein the generating means issues and archives a tag specifying the plurality of

metadata; and

retrieving means for retrieving the plurality of metadata according to the tag.


32.      (Currently Amended) A control method of a production system for

creating an essence, comprising the steps of:

generating a plurality of metadata which are data pertinent to said essence and

which are respectively identified by SMPTE (Society of Motion Picture and Television

Engineers) labels;

receiving said essence and said plural metadata and analyzing said SMPTE labels

to extract pre-set metadata from said plural metadata; ~~and~~

controlling the processing relevant to said essence based on the extracted

metadata[[.]],

wherein the generating step issues and archives a tag specifying the plurality of

metadata;, and

retrieving the plurality of metadata according to the tag.